

EASTER MUSIC IN THE CHURCHES

CHURCHES SPEND LESS MONEY FOR FLOWERS

Lower Prices and Greater Demands for Charity Explain Cutting Down of Expenses This Year—Little New Music Announced.

Churches will spend less money for Easter flowers this year than they have been wont to spend. A reason given is the heavy demands upon their funds for charities. Flowers are slightly cheaper this season than last, so that in many instances displays will hardly be less elaborate. Many houses open and flowers have done well. Hence the slight reduction in cost.

For some years the Easter Lily has been overshadowed; in some churches almost left out. This year it is to be used again, so the florists say. A reason is the exceptionality of lily, the excellence of the blossoms, and the slightly reduced price. Grace Episcopal Church, for example, will have nothing but lilies. Others like St. Thomas's Episcopal, St. Paul's Cathedral, and St. Patrick's Cathedral, accustomed for some seasons to employ many varieties will make more prominent the common lily, both in numbers of lilies employed and conspicuous position given them.

Alone of all New York churches, it is believed, the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian will have no flowers whatever. Back in the Rev. Dr. John Hall's day flowers were barred, and the custom has ever since obtained.

Prices for lilies this year are 12 cents a blossom. This is a wholesale price, got by most churches. The other flowers used will be in greater variety, including lily, carnations, spiraea, paragrus farms and red geraniums, the last named being exceptionally good and inexpensive this year. Grace Church will distribute 300 of these geraniums at an afternoon service to-morrow, giving them to children only. St. Bartholomew's Church, Madison Avenue, has a professional decorator, who puts in a great number of flowers, and their influence has been exercised, and their influence has been seen on others. St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal and Central Presbyterian churches set the pattern in violins, harps and other instruments, and their influence has also had effect. A very large number of orchestra players are engaged for church choir galleries to-morrow, especially in Presbyterian and Baptist churches.

St. Patrick's Cathedral is invariably decorated with flowers given by the people. Almost all varieties will be seen to-morrow, but they will be relatively few. The organ will be available for to-morrow.

PROGRAMMES FOR TO-MORROW

Protestant Episcopal.

CHURCH OF ZION AND ST. TIMOTHY.
884 West 8th st.

TRINITY CHURCH.
11 A. M.

Professional hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen.
Dwight.

Introit: Christ Is Risen.
Soprano: Agnes Del.

Offertory: Alleluia, B. E. Hall.
Guitar.

Recessional hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia.
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